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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

Hand-held device 12 may also be configured to ~~initially~~ initially prohibit user from taking advantage of prerecorded or preset sounds or promotional opportunities so that sounds or promotional opportunities are unavailable to the user. The hand-held device 12, upon receiving specific auxiliary data which directs device 12 to unlock the sounds and promotional opportunities so that the opportunities are available to the user. The sounds and promotional opportunities may then be available to the user for a limited time or indefinitely.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

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Briefly, herein is described a system which uses various hand-held devices to derive benefits from the reception of auxiliary data. Auxiliary data is encoded by modulation of a signal, such as video, which thereby creates a composite video signal consisting of auxiliary data and continuous video program data. The composite video signal is transmitted to and displayed by a display device so that it may be received and used by a hand-held device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

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The present system utilizes computer software and hardware including the operating system, application program, video card, and monitor, as well as a hand-held device to receive data by the user. Under the present system, the application program needs to be executed so that it will begin to transmit its data. The preferred method to ~~initiate~~ initiate an application program is to trigger the start of the application program on specified user interactions with Microsoft® Internet Explorer™ or similar web browsing software. When users interact with their web browser by moving the mouse and clicking or double-clicking, the web browser can selectively execute the application program on specified events. The application program is stored as a dynamic link library (DLL), such that the web browser can call and initiate the DLL on events where the web browser determines that it needs the DLL file. Installation of the DLL plug-in prior to initiating the present invention will be required so that the web browser can call the application program. When a user attempts to provide interactions to their hand-held device for the first time by utilizing the web browser and the appropriate web site will perform an action that requires calling the application program. The user will then be prompted by the web browser for the users permission to download and install the DLL. After installation of the DLL, the action that the web browser wanted to fulfill will execute and the desired results will occur. Persons skilled in the art of the present invention should appreciate alternate arrangements of the present invention, as the application program may be configured to be a stand-alone program or otherwise integrated within another application program.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

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The present invention therefore describes a mechanism to receive data on a hand-held device from the computer or the Internet without wires. Under the preferred embodiment of the present invention, there is no feedback path from the hand-held device. However, it will be appreciated that the hand-held device may be enhanced with means for feedback by including RF, IR, USB or other means described in Koplar. The

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hand-held device may collect data and utilize opportunities received from data collection by any of the means described herein or in Koplar.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ~~34~~, line ~~21~~, with the following amended paragraph:

a5 The data signal is preferably sent multiple times to insure that the hand-held was positioned appropriately and not too much outside interference impeded the transmission. The hand-held device may be set to use each data bit it receives, or it may compare the results of the stream it received with the previous stream to ensure that the same data bit is not replicated within the device. An event manager on the hand-held device may make determinations as to what happens when data is received.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ~~35~~, line ~~5~~, with the following amended paragraph:

a6 For example, if a computer video card is configured to run a monitor in 800 x 600 running at 60 Hz have and the desired image frequency is 18 kHz, the image will have one line set to white, the second is black, the third line white, and fourth line black, and so on. The result of that is an image frequency of 18 kHz. If the video card was configured to 1024 x 768, the first 1¼ lines white need to be white, the next 1¼ lines black and so on to get the 18 kHz frequency.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ~~35~~, line ~~25~~, with the following amended paragraph:

a7 The optical detector of the hand-held device acquires the light from the direction of the computer monitor and filters out the non-usable frequencies. The hand-held device first processes the received data to determine what image was present. The band pass filter eliminates leftover signal noise and leaves any present image frequency. Thus, the signal leaving the band is either something or nothing. The rectifier takes the absolute value of the signal and adds it to the integrator. The integrator accumulates each portion

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of the image signal received in each refresh to determine if the signal received was an image or noise. If there is sufficient signal to conclude that a signal was present, the micro controller reports a value of one; otherwise, a value of zero is reported.

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